

Park carousel was manufactured. With nickels earned by milking cows, Mr. Whittemore escaped the world by riding the carousel.

On March 1, 1943, he joined the City Parks Department staff—a job which became a career spanning 33 years. While working for the City Parks Department, Mr. Whittemore also worked nights, Sundays and holidays as the maintenance man and operator of the City Park carousel. Just as Mr. Whittemore cared about the happiness of children, he also cared about his family. He loved and appreciated his family and shared his light with all.

Mr. Whittemore was a man of kindness and generosity. Through his involvement in the community, he touched the lives of many. His smile, his devotion, and his zest for life will long be remembered and admired. Those who have come to know J.B. Whittemore will miss him greatly. I am confident however, that in spite of this profound loss, the family and friends of Mr. Whittemore can take comfort in the knowledge that he made a significant impact on the quality of life of the citizens of Pueblo.

THE INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION ENFORCEMENT ACT AND THE NEW YORK CONVENTION COMPLIANCE ACT

HON. BILL MCCOLLUM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 1999

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation, the International Arbitration Enforcement Act and the New York Convention Compliance Act, to protect American businesses from foreign backed companies who fail to act in good faith.

In 1991, Ross Manufacturing, a Florida company, filed a claim with the Stockholm Arbitration Institute against a Chinese state-owned corporation for defaulting on a contractual agreement. Even though the arbitration panel found in favor of Ross Manufacturing, the Chinese company refused to pay the settlement. Furthermore, the Chinese courts initially refused to accept the claim. By the time the claim was eventually accepted by the Chinese courts, the Chinese company had been liquidated and the Chinese offered no remedy to enforce the settlement. This was so even though the liquidated company was a state-run industry and it appears may have been liquidated as a pretense just to give cover to avoiding this debt.

There are companies throughout this country that have ventured into business relationships with China and been burned. That is why I am introducing two pieces of legislation to protect U.S. companies and make sure that foreign companies live up to pre-existing trade agreements.

The International Arbitration Enforcement Act, would create a civil remedy against foreign states that either ignore or prohibit arbitral awards entered in favor of United States persons. If the President certifies that a person has been injured and has exhausted every avenue of relief in pursuing enforcement of a foreign arbitral award then that person gets his or her day in Federal Court to pursue a civil action against the foreign state.

The New York Convention Compliance Act, would direct the President to withhold exten-

sion of the WTO Agreement to any country that is not in compliance with its obligations under the New York Convention. This would require foreign countries to meet their outstanding obligations before receiving full consideration for WTO ascension.

While I believe that American companies need to be prudent in their dealings with entities overseas, having a company fully backed by the Chinese government default on a legal and binding contract is unacceptable. I urge my colleagues to support this timely legislation.

ACTIVIST PHYSICIAN NAMED "OUTSTANDING LEADER" BY LEADERSHIP MONTGOMERY

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 1999

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate Dr. Horace W. (Bud) Bernton for receiving the Bell Atlantic Outstanding Leader Award at Leadership Montgomery's graduation ceremonies. Dr. Bernton graduated from Leadership Montgomery in 1994, and quickly thereafter began to recruit other community-mined individuals and organizations to join him in his life-long effort to make medicine more accessible to persons of limited income.

Leadership Montgomery selected Dr. Bernton for its annual award after he was nominated by fellow graduate and county health officer, Dr. Carol Garvey. Dr. Garvey noted that Dr. Bernton's active nature took over when he retired from practicing medicine seven years ago, leading him to join Community Clinic, which offers care to low-income county residents. As a board member he helped launch the Primary Care Coalition, a consortium of local hospitals, the medical society, the health department, and various providers and supporters of indigent care. The coalition is dedicated to enhancing access to primary medical care for the growing numbers of low income county residents, who often face language and cultural differences.

Once Dr. Bernton joined Leadership Montgomery, he tapped its considerable community connections, some of which helped him develop the Primary Care Coalition. He nurtured the coalition through its founding, became its first chair, solicited pro bono legal services to make it a non-profit corporation, and worked aggressively with several coalition members to attract grants to fund Project Access. The initiative now connects low income patients with private physicians who agree to provide care at minimal cost.

Dr. Bernton's advocacy has now come full circle: Project Access has also absorbed PARS, the Patient Advocacy Referral Service for low income patients. Dr. Bernton started PARS back in 1972 to refer patients to physicians building their practices, as long as they agreed to accept uninsured, low income patients. His policy demanded that no one be turned away due to an inability to pay for care, and it is this demonstrated compassion that makes him such a deserving recipient of this year's 'outstanding leader' award.

LUIS SABINES, OF CAMACOL, CELEBRATES 20TH HEMISPHERIC CONGRESS IN MIAMI

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 1999

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to congratulate Mr. Luis Sabines, President of the United States Latin American Chamber of Commerce (Camacol), for his devoted labor in establishing the annual Hemispheric Congress and for having been honorably elected to preside as President of the Hemispheric Congress for the year 2000.

Luis Sabines has worked tirelessly and extensively with a variety of trade organizations and businesses in order to promote this year's Hemispheric Congress which, under his leadership and guidance, proved to be a resounding success. Due to his guidance and leadership, he was selected to preside in the upcoming Hemispheric Congress on May 3rd to the 6th of next year, which should prove to be an even bigger success.

This year's recent conference, entitled "Globalization with Integral Development," brought in individuals from 60 different businesses and chambers of commerce, representing 34 countries. It hosted an additional exposition of non-traditional products from overseas that were available for purchase. Contract negotiations among American businesses occurred, promoting both American products abroad, and Latin American products in the United States. Next year's Hemispheric Congress promises to continue the negotiations among American businesses, and to add on to the number of countries taking part in the negotiating, and promotion of trade between Latin American and the United States.

Luis Sabines has done a remarkable job promoting international trade and educating businesses, helping them to foster their growth. Today, I congratulate him on having been elected as President of the 21st Congress. Future Congresses will continue to make important contributions to South Florida's vital role in international trade.

INTRODUCING TO THE RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM FOR ENDANGERED FISH SPECIES IN THE UPPER COLORADO AND SAN JUAN RIVER BASIN PROGRAMS

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 1999

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that I am introducing an Act that would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost sharing for the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan River Basins. This Act is needed so that two cooperative inter-governmental programs can continue working to achieve recovery of four endangered fish in the Upper Colorado River and San Juan River Basins while meeting continuing demands for water in the arid West. To date, requests for